(*a*) help with youngsters' day-to-day problems, brought to the leader once personal contact has been established, (*b*) help in getting jobs and digs, (*c*) finding them things to do; "People who say these kids don't want to do anything are just stupid."

A club or coffee bar can be informal, and unorthodox, but it can still get activities going. At the Teen Bar, for instance, they even got the most improbable of all things started—a discussion group. It developed from an argument on religion, an argument which almost ended in a fight. And although it was never given the formal title of a discussion group (that would have driven everyone away), it was, in fact, just that.

What of the cash aspect of youth clubs? "Make the members pay", says Edrie Green. "Youngsters scorn what they get for nothing. There's no loyalty if a club is just a place to drop in to, with everything provided."

This was borne out at the Teen Bar. A boy was caught slashing seats one night, but no action was needed by the staff. The other club members took him outside and dealt with him. On another occasion a local gang slouched in and demanded, "Where's the chuckers out?". "We haven't got any", they were told. "Well, what if we break the place up?". "That's simple", Edrie Green replied, "you break the place up and you won't have anywhere to go. It's your coffee bar." "Yeah, we hadn't thought of that", the gang said, and left quietly.

But, and this is the important thing, a coffee bar as such is not essential in any club, according to Edrie Green. It is only of real worth so long as it is used as a means to an end, the end being to encourage and assist young people to find a purposeful way of spending their working and leisure time.

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COVER PICTURE: Stone-laying at Hackney; The Founder Padre, with the assistance of Alderman A. Heath, places a commemorative stone in the growing wall of the new Mark III. *(See also article on page 196).*

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IN AND OUT

notes & comment

Central Council

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 1961 WAS NO OLD BOYS' GATHERING, looking backwards at departed glories. Roughly half of the Councillors were attending for the first time and it is hoped that something of their mood and purpose is reflected in the pages of this swollen issue. Early in the proceedings one member, tongue-in-cheek, proved conclusively that by the 1970's the Movement would virtually have ceased to exist, then added the saving clause 'unless. . . .' Deep concern was certainly voiced on the present limited success in drawing younger men to Toc H, and practical suggestions towards consolidating the initial work of the Schools section found wide support. Loss of impetus, through lack of training, was spotlighted in the discussion and resolution on Sponsorship, and it was clearly evident that a considerable change has taken place in members' attitude towards training. The Family's word-labels, so readily applied—often unintelligible and meaningless to those outside our ranks—came in for a severe buffeting and, as usual, Finance was well in the picture, and with many Branches raising large sums of money for 'good causes', it would not seem unreasonable to count on greater support for the Family Purse, once the position has become clear to them. Without doubt, this year's Council Meeting was one of the most realistic to be held in recent years.

Clubs for Youth

RIPPED-UP CINEMA SEATS AND RAILWAY coaches damaged by young people will always hit the headlines of the popular press over the less sensational 'stories' of the successful work accomplished by Youth Clubs. But the good work continues, mainly unheralded, and this year sees the Golden Jubilee of the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs. Originally started for girls only, the Association has grown and changed until it now includes 2,664 affiliated clubs in fifty-six local associations, with a membership of 176,000 boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and twenty. Continuing to grow with the times, it now proposes to again change its title to "National Association of Youth Clubs". This change signifies an awareness that social service for youth to be fully effective should unify its efforts through a single national parent-body.

Homes for Holidays

MANY READERS KNOW OF THE OUTSTANDING work being done by Family Service Units to help families where the parents have become overwhelmed by domestic and personal problems and the care of home and children has deteriorated. Each summer the F.S.U., based on eleven industrial cities, arrange for some of these children to spend a short holiday away from home. What they need above all is a warm welcome from someone with an understanding of children, and in recent years many youngsters have spent very happy holidays in private homes and so gained a valuable new experience, as well as a greater fitness to meet the winter. The F.S.U. would be grateful to receive offers from any readers who would like to invite a child into their home for a holiday. The children selected will be free from illness and have at least the minimum of essential clothes. Offers of help and further particulars can be had by writing direct to David Jones, Family Service Units, 25 St. Mary's Grove, London, N.1.

In the Family

FOLLOWING CLOSELY ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS County Architect of Flintshire, Robert Harvey, a former Netherton member has become Pilot of Mold Branch and his wife Treasurer of the W.A. Branch there. Bob comes from a dyed-in-the-wool Toc H family, for his father is Jobmaster of Kingswinford Branch and his mother a Toc H Builder. In addition, his sister, Roma, is a member of Toc H W.A. at Netherton and brother-in-law Eric, it almost goes without saying, is on the strength of Netherton Branch. Ernest Harvey, his father, commenting dryly on this says "That's the lot, until the grand-children grow up!".

Rotary and Ourselves

". . . NOT TO COMPETE WITH EXISTING ORGANISATIONS. . . ."

Representatives of nine national societies concerned with service to the community were recently the guests of Rotary International at a tea-party at the Hotel Russell in London. Toc H was represented by S. G. DAVIS (Chairman of the Central Executive) and ALEC CHURCHER. The President of Rotary International was in the chair. The purpose of the meeting was not the formation of yet another committee but simply to provide an opportunity for friendly personal contacts so that any desired co-operation at 'headquarters' level would be made easier because they could be on a 'person to person' basis. A further meeting of the same group is to be held at the end of this month. Co-operation and understanding at every level should, they believe, be similarly based on friendly personal contacts which are particularly important when local projects beyond the capacity of any one society are under consideration.

Stone-laying at Hackney

OUR OWN REPORTER

A LENGTHY LINE of motor cars parked alongside the rising walls of the new Mark III building, on the afternoon of May 4, was the only outward sign that something unusual was taking place in the quiet backwater of Church Crescent, Hackney.

Within a framework of tubular scaffolding, GEORGE DAVIS, on behalf of the Central Executive, welcomed a representative company, gathered for the stone-laying ceremony that was to set the seal on an entirely new chapter of Mark history. He paid tribute to the many donors whose generosity had made the venture possible, and told how the new Mark was to be named 'Prideaux House'.

Next, L. PRIDEAUX-BRUNE, himself one of the earliest Toc H Marksmen and formerly, for many years, Chairman of the Central Houses Committee, briefly sketched-in the story of Mark III, and spoke in warm terms of the pioneers of earlier days, two of whom subsequently became bishops. He also told of the steps already taken towards ensuring that the spirit ¶ of the new Mark III would continue the tradition of long and faithful service. It was particularly fitting that Prideaux's speech should be followed with a reading of Psalm XV, *Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle?* by his son, KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE, Assistant Schools Secretary.

On behalf of Hackney's Jewish community, the Rev. Dr. B. JOSEPH, spoke of their sense of brotherhood, and of the spiritual ideals for which the Christian and Jewish religions both stand. He prayed that every success would attend the undertaking. *Nisi Dominus Frustra;* to the greater glory of God and the people who would be living there.

After well and truly laying the first of the two stones, with the assistance of Alderman A. HEATH, a former Mayor who is now working on the building, the Mayor of Hackney, Mrs. SALLY SHERMAN, told from her personal experience of the good work done in Hackney by the Marksmen of the old Mark III, especially amongst the old folk. She hoped that when the building was completed some of them would be returning with others further to serve the people of Hackney —"before they go off to become bishops!"

"L. Prideaux-Brune spoke in warm terms of the pioneers of earlier days."

"The Mayor of Hackney, Mrs. Sally Sherman, told of the good work done by the Marksmen."

Tubby with the Rabbi Joseph at the stone-laying ceremony.

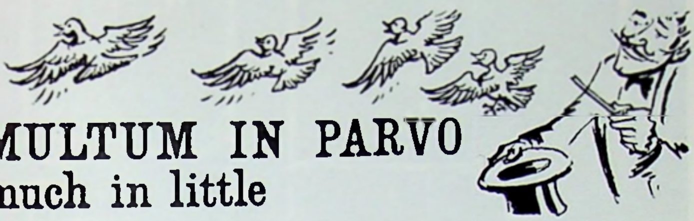
"... a representative company, gathered for the Stone-laying ceremony ..."

A moving passage from Corinthians 1, Chap. 3, in the *New English Bible* version "Whether they plant or water, they work as a team . . ." was read by GERRY HAYES, Chairman of the Central Houses Committee, and then it came to the Founder Padre's turn to lay the second commemorative stone. Dispensing with his coat and his dog, Chippie, who had become involved in the pile of wet cement, Tubby, after warmly endorsing the Rabbi Joseph's words, recalled how in 1915, the banner from his old Portsea parish with the words *Nisi Dominus Frustra* had flown over the Old House in Poperinge. It must ever be our great concern, he added, that Toc H should remain true to that inspiration.

Continuing in lighter vein, he said that while he had done many things in his life, never before had he laid a foundation stone. He deemed the occasion ripe for song and thereupon launched out in a spirited rendering of the chorus of an old Cockney ballad:

Wiv a ladder and some glasses,
You could see to 'Ackney Marshes,
If it wasn't for the 'ouses in between.

The simple, heart-warming ceremony ended with Padre NORMAN MOTLEY, a former Chief Anglican Padre of Toc H and now Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, pronouncing a blessing on the House and its many Builders: by faith, by gift and by hand.



MULTUM IN PARVO
much in little

✠ Sir ARTHUR HARPER, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., has been appointed Hon. Commissioner of Toc H in New Zealand.

✠ The Rev. NEVILLE WATKINS has succeeded the Rev. CLIFFORD BARBER as Hon. Dominion Padre in New Zealand.

¶ ✠ The Rev. HARRY DEVIS, lately of Johannesburg and Hon. Editor of *The Compass*, now acting as Southern Area Padre, is at the Chaplain's House, Mark V, Southampton.

✠ The WINANT VOLUNTEERS of 1961 will arrive in Scotland on June 23 and then go to London and Bristol.

✠ COUNCILLORS by now should have had much to tell their Branches personally about the annual meeting—much besides the summary contained in this issue.

✠ PROBATIONER: Is there another name we should all prefer to use for a candidate for membership? R.S.V.P.

✠ SPONSORS matter a lot. Why? Who? When? How? N.B. and cf.

✠ At GROTON OLD HALL in Suffolk: For family holiday weeks from August 12 to September 9, apply to 'Fergie' at Toc H, 15 Trinity Sq., E.C.3.

✠ SUMMER HOLIDAYS: Members wishing to visit the nearest Branches while away from home should enquire in advance from the Area Secretary concerned. See the list in the Annual Report, April JOURNAL.

✠ NEW SOUTH WALES AREA: The address is now Toc H, P.O. Box 324, North Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

✠ The WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT will be started at Dor Knap, Broadway, Worcs., on December 11 at 9 p.m. and will be observed in turn westward at the same hour by local time as far as the Pacific. Thence the Chain will be completed at 9 p.m. by local time on December 12. From Dor Knap westward on Monday; from New Zealand westward to Dor Knap on Tuesday.

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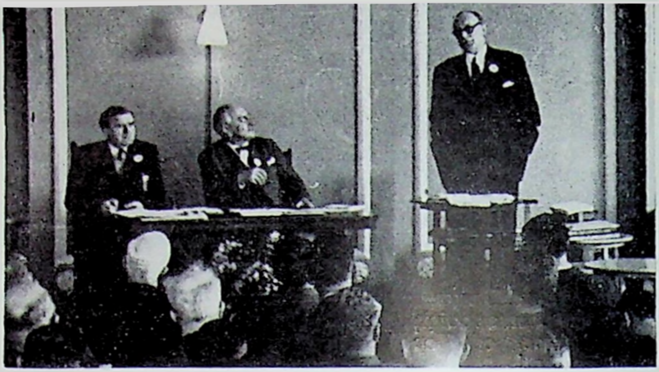


Central Council Meeting

WHEN Central Council members gathered at Halliday Hall, Clapham, on the evening of Friday, April 14, the shades of old Sam Pepys, Macaulay, Wilberforce, John Burns and other earlier Clapham residents may well have been hovering there; but there was nothing of a ghostly character about the lively company assembled on the eve of the 1961 Council Meeting.

Welcomed at an informal session by JOHN CALLF (*deputising for* DUDLEY HERRING *delayed by jury service*), their attention was held by 'Skegg' Blanchard's colourful pictures of Dor Knap with Ken Prideaux-Brune's accompanying commentary. Dudley having secured his 'release' had now taken over and on his invitation BOB PURDY (*West Mids. Area Sec.*) gave a racy account of the latest developments in the Birmingham 'Bridgehead' story. While singing may have fallen into disuse in many Branches, this gathering had other ideas and shared in a lusty sing-song until the time arrived for MAYNE ELSON (*London Sec.*) to lead them in home-going prayers.

The business of the annual meeting started promptly on Saturday morning after prayers led by the ADMINISTRATIVE PADRE. The chair was taken by S. G. H. DAVIS, acting chairman of the Central Executive since the resignation of R. S. SYMONS on his departure for Paris to become Minister of the U.K. delegation to O.E.E.C. A message from him was read by REX CALKIN (*Gen. Sec.*), also from South Africa, New Zealand and R. D. Paul (a later one being received from South

India). Of the 100 Councillors elected by Branches, ninety-six were present, one of the absentees having sent a deputy.

The CHAIRMAN welcomed all present, including some overseas visitors and representatives of the Central Executive Committee and Staff of the Women's Association. He referred to the successful achievement of the move of Headquarters to Tower Hill, which many Councillors took the opportunity of inspecting on Sunday afternoon after the conclusion of the meeting. He also reported that, as instructed at the previous year's meeting, the Central Executive had discussed the question of life membership and, believing that the basis of membership, both Branch and General, was annual renewal, did not consider it right to allow membership to be open to purchase for life by anyone wanting to put down a lump sum.

Appointments

Speaking on behalf of the Central Executive, R. L. BRADLEY asked the Council to acclaim BARCLAY BARON as a Vice-President of the Corporation and said:

"What can I say of Barkis, so well known to Toc H, so beloved by all? Of Barkis, who for some thirty years was editor of the JOURNAL, lighting up that familiar and family issue with his inimitable sketches and his thoughtful and whimsical contributions. Of Barkis the poet, the dramatist, author and producer of many of the memorable masques at the Festivals of Toc H. Author, too, of one of the most inspiring hymns I know, 'Father, who hast made us brothers, binding us to set us free.' Of Barkis the artist, Guard of the Lamp of Maintenance which he himself conceived and designed—that Lamp which sheds its gentle rays around the world and reaches maybe across the border of the other side. Of Barkis the man, the comrade, the friend. For he makes you feel the better for his companionship and, indeed, a little the humbler as is the blessedly unconscious way of those who tread the higher path."

"Come and tell me afterwards the number of things about Barkis which I have left out and I'll double the number. Take away the number you first thought of and the half is still left unsaid. But Barclay Baron, O.B.E.—'dear old Barkis' to us—needs no commendation of mine to a gathering of Toc H Council such as this. All we ask of Barkis is once again to be willing—willing to become our Vice-President so that we may have the benefit of his counsel, his experience and, best of all, of himself for many years to come."

The motion was seconded by HARRY GELL (*Cent. Exec.*), who said that he could think of few men who were better qualified for a Vice-Presidency of Toc H. In replying, BARKIS said that it had been a joy and a privilege to work with the Toc H Family for thirty-six years—half his lifetime. He thanked the Council very much indeed.

The proposal to confirm the re-appointment of John Callf as Administrator for the normal term of two years, that is until the end of the Annual Meeting of the Council in 1963, was put forward by JOHN GOSS (*Cent. Exec.*) who said that the seed of Toc H was first planted in John, when he was a schoolboy, by Barkis. He was delighted in the preamble to the Annual Report. John had relinquished his military metaphors and gone back to gardening terms. His *Time to Pluck* was particularly apt in view of Dor Knap, which might well prove to be a turning point in Toc H history, and Dor Knap was essentially the Administrator's inspiration. But John did not plan ahead in only material matters and we were fortunate in having him at this time.

Seconded by HARRY MILLS, the motion was carried with acclamation. In replying, JOHN CALLF said that he looked forward to this next term of office; but he hoped it would not be quite as exciting as the past two years, when he had to be everything from an estate agent to an Albert Hall soloist, but that it would be just as happy.

On the proposal of the Administrative Padre, R. J. DAVIES, seconded by S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*), the Rev. HERBERT LEGGATE (*Meth.*) and the Rev. H. F. SAWBRIDGE (*C/E*) were appointed Association Padres for life. The following appointments and re-appointments as Association Padres were also confirmed :

Australia :	The Rev. W. A. FRASER (*Pres.*)
	The Rt. Rev. Dr. T. T. REED (*Bishop of Adelaide*)
Central Africa :	Canon R. G GIBBON (*C/E*)
	Canon G. H. PUGH (*C/E*)
New Zealand :	The Rev. L. N. WATKINS (*C/E*)
South Africa :	The Rev. W. R. P. EVANS (*C/S. Af.*)
	The Rev. Dr. J. B. WEBB (*Meth.*)
Uganda :	The Rt. Rev. L. W. BROWN (*Archbishop-elect*)
U.K. (ex S. Africa) :	The Rev. H. DEVIS (*C/E*)

All with effect until 31.12.63.

The new staff Padres, the Rev. J. L. GINGELL (*C/E*) and the Rev. C. F. POLLARD (*C/E*) were introduced to the Council and received confirmation of their appointments.

A break between Council sessions.

The New Central Executive

At the previous year's meeting of the Council, a motion designed to ensure a regular flow of 'new blood' on the Central Executive had been defeated, it being pointed out there was always a considerable 'turnover' in the numbers seeking re-election. This year Councillors had received due notice that six members of the Central Executive then in office were not offering themselves for re-election. These were ERIC ELLIS (*Mansfield, Notts & Derby Area*), JOHN GOSS (*Portsmouth, Southern Area*), DONALD LOCKHART (*Berkhamsted, Beds. & Herts. Area*), The Rev. KENNETH OLIVER (*now at Blandford, Dorset*), R. D. PAUL (*who had returned to Madras, India*) and RONALD SYMONS (*Chairman for five years, resigned on appointment as Minister to the U.K. Delegation to O.E.E.C. in Paris*). The Chairman of the meeting paid tribute to their services on the Executive.

Full particulars of all the candidates had been sent to Councillors a month beforehand. Two of the eight new candidates had been nominated by the outgoing Executive for appointment by show of hands as usual. On the proposal of JOHN DAVIES and JACK TREFUSIS, they were so appointed.

There were fourteen other places to be filled by ballot from among eighteen candidates. The voting papers having been collected and counted, the results were declared on Sunday

morning. Of the nine candidates on the London and Home Counties list (six 'old' and three 'new'), six 'old' and one 'new' were elected. Of the nine candidates from the Rest of the United Kingdom (six 'old' and three 'new') five 'old' and two 'new' were elected.

The Central Executive for 1961–1962 thus consists of eleven members of the previous year's Executive, five new members and two others to be co-opted. The average age, fifty-two, is two years lower than in the previous year. This is the full list, including the four who are members *ex officio*:

APPOINTED MEMBERS:

W. HUGH BEETON (*Member in London, 1921–25; Colonial Administration, 1926–54; Training Officer, Oversea Service*), Brigadier LESLIE F. E. WIELER (*Major and Resident Governor, H.M. Tower of London, 1955–61*).

ELECTED MEMBERS:

A—LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES: R. L. BRADLEY (*Chairman, Schools Committee*), S. GEORGE H. DAVIS (*late of South India; Beds. and Herts. Area*), HARRY GELL (*Bromley Branch, S.E. London Area*), DUDLEY F. HERRING (*Orpington Branch, S.E. London Area*), HARRY D. MILLS (*Mill Hill Branch, N. London Area*), C. GILES ROCHE (*Tower Hill Branch, E. London Area*), R. J. R. (JACK) TREFUSIS (*President of Talbot House Association; W. London Area*).

B—REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM: RICHARD AYSHFORD-SANFORD (*Broadway Branch, West Midlands Area*), ARNOLD BEARDMORE (*Chelmsford Branch, E. London Area*), JAMES B. BRADFORD (*North Shields Branch, Northern Area*), FRANK W. CLARKE (*Andover Branch, Southern Area*), Colonel JOHN A. DAVIES (*Stevenage Branch, Beds. and Herts. Area*), CYRIL M. LLOYD (*lately Crewkerne Branch, South Western Area*), PHILIP H. PRIOR (*Linton Hospital Joint Branch, Kent Area*).

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

STANLEY V. BERWICK (*Sevenoaks Branch, Kent Area; Hon. Treasurer*), JOHN CALLF (*Administrator*), The Rev. Dr. P. B. CLAYTON (*Founder Padre*), *The Rev.* R. J. DAVIES (*Administrative Padre*).

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

NORMAN F. CHIDLEY (*Loughton Branch, E. London Area*), and JEREMY POLLOCK (*ex South Africa*).

The Annual Report

In moving the reception and consideration of the Annual Report, the ADMINISTRATOR, John Callf, said that the Report could speak for itself. "You can hardly fail to notice", he continued, "that from the Central Executive and Headquarters point of view 1960 was a very busy year; gruelling perhaps describes it better. There were many vital decisions to make, often in the face of a good deal of conflicting advice; real ventures of faith were made. It was often hard on the nerves, hard on the patience, hard on the health. But in the end we have been blessed, far more than we deserve."

"The most disappointing feature of the Report still remains the drop in membership and in the number of Branches and new groups. Disappointing, yes; discouraging, no! That word is not allowed. Maybe there are still things that could be done from the centre which would help, but there comes a point when Branches can only do things for themselves. Like England of old, they can save themselves by *their* exertions and others by their example.

I would be foolish if I didn't admit to the wish to see the numbers of members and Branches going up; for the greater good that would come therefrom that surely is excusable in any of us who have spent most of our life in serving the Movement. Nevertheless I believe that before Toc H can become bigger it must first become greater, and therfore it remains my first, but not my only concern, to see the quality of Toc H Branch life improved. The true greatness of Toc H is not always evident in Branches because many members have a weirdly inadequate conception of what it is all about. Real Toc H has no room for Branches of the unlit Lamp and the ungirt loin.

Barclay Baron and R. L. Bradley.

I have the strong feeling that there is a heaving and a stirring of ideas within the Family —overseas as well as at home. With our new Headquarters on Tower Hill, our Training Centre and our first new Mark, it does seem that Toc H is poised to take the next step forward, which may be re-thinking, re-shaping, re-stating, sometimes re-placing, words, ideas and practices which have served us well enough up to the present.

I am sure that Toc H is on the right track, but the right track includes Hill Difficulty. To try to skirt the Hill is to be lost forever in the Dark Forest. The only way through is up and over, hard going all the way, but a lovely view at the top!"

J. B. Bradford (*Cent. Exec.*) in seconding, said that it had been a year of foundation-laying, but those foundations were only of value to the extent to which we made use of them by our witness and our service.

A. L. Hawkins (*Beds. & Herts.*) congratulated the Administrator on the Report and wondered what the drop in membership would have been if the figures had been computed as in previous years. J. O. L. Brass (*Northern*) reminded the Council of last year's resolution on the decline in membership and urged Councillors to take further action. Replying to K. F. Amy's (*S. London*) request for fuller details on membership figures, John Callf (*Administrator*) said the present system was more satisfactory as the old figure was an artificial one. The real problem was in getting the Branches to send in their

figures promptly. E. W. EDEN (*East Midlands*) said that Councillors should know how their Areas were going and should do something about it without waiting for statistics. REX CALKIN (*Gen. Secy.*) said that much time and money was wasted on sending reminders. At the moment thirty-seven Branches had still not sent in their Branch Rolls. Analysis was impracticable at the centre, but Area Elections Committees could present a true local picture. W. STORY (*North Western*) wondered whether it would be better to hold the Council Meeting at a different time of year to enable Councillors to visit their Branches without holidays intervening. In reply, the ADMINISTRATOR said that Council meetings could not be held earlier in the year as long as the financial year ended when it does. There was a growing trend, said JOHN GOSS (*Cent. Exec.*), towards the assumption that Toc H was a peculiar society operating for only seven to eight months in the year. This was a symptom that led to a decline in membership. F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) saw no problem and had no difficulty in fixing dates to visit Branches, both before and after the Council Meeting.

Stanley Berwick and John Goss.

The Accounts

In moving consideration of the Accounts, S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) said that the year had been an exciting and hard-working one for the Finance Committee. It was due to their confidence that the transfer to Tower Hill had been completed and the finances of the move were slightly better than had been anticipated.

He thanked the Finance Committee for its support in this and also in the matter of rebuilding Mark III and said Colin Campbell was largely responsible for the raising of £44,000 towards it, which included a generous anonymous gift of £18,000 and £5,000 from the Wolfson Trust. Marks were one of the most important aspects of Toc H. He hoped we would consider the building of other Marks in the years ahead and also improve the existing ones.

He thanked the Administrator for making an excellent Broadcast Appeal and both Toc H and Women's Association Branches for their enthusiastic support. In the year 1961 income (excluding legacies)

was likely to fall short of expenditure by £10,000 unless we did something drastic about it, and Councillors should consider how this could be raised. Most of this sum must come from the membership. During the first six months of the present financial year contributions from Branches were up by £600 but he would be happier if the sum had been £6,000. A letter had been sent to Branch Treasurers thanking them for their efforts and asking them to increase them still further. We wanted to be in a position to pay for new Staff men. Without staff we could not have the Toc H we really needed.

We were a Movement standing on its own, with a difficult job to do, and the greatness of that job was expressed in the Toc H Prayer. In these days many members of Branches were inclined to accept easier ways of raising money for funds, but we should think wisely before sacrificing the idea that money for Toc H should come from our own pockets. We accepted fellowship, we accepted our jobs, but we had not yet fully faced up to our financial responsibilities. He asked Councillors to see how self-giving could be increased.

ARNOLD BEARDMORE (*Cent. Exec.*), in seconding, said that the situation looked satisfactory but we must not overlook the warning given about the 1961 position.

In answer to A. L. HAWKINS (*Beds. & Herts.*), who asked what percentage of treasurers had answered the letters sent to them, the Hon. Treasurer said that thirteen replies had been received out of a total of 900 letters sent. J. B. POOLE (*East Midlands*) said that the disappointing feature of the Accounts was the fact that giving had not increased although salaries and wages had doubled over the last twelve years. If members had successfully combated the decline in membership our income would have increased by a further £12,000. In two years Christian Stewardship had doubled the incomes of a thousand parishes and he suggested that Toc H could do something similar. Speaking in support, Lord COLGRAIN (*a President*) said we had no reserve for any capital expenditure and that we should get into a position where legacies were no longer used as income. We sometimes overlooked the fact that Branches were self-supporting and Toc H members also find money for outside activities. What are a unit's priorities? In many of them the Family Purse comes off

Padre Hugh Sawbridge and Colin Stevenson.

badly. Toc H is not a wealthy movement and careful consideration was needed in deciding which had the prior claim.

J. O. WESTON (*Sussex*) suggested a definite target of an extra 10s. on what members were already paying. S. B. CUTTILL (*W. London*) expressed concern at the number of Areas where the average contribution was less than 50s. per head. K. F. AMY (*S. London*) wondered if those Areas showing low contributions were also losing a considerable number of members. Small Branches often found it difficult to maintain their present contribution. It was necessary, said T. H. BRAMLEY (*East Midlands*), to get our facts and figures in true perspective. Three years ago an appeal was put out for 50s. per head and, instead of writing letters, in the East Midlands they recognised their responsibility by making personal visits to all Branches. As a result, one Branch that had previously made no contribution was the first to reach its target and the all-over figure for the Area was now fourth in the country. D. E. J. WOOLLEY (*Kent*) was glad to see that the Report emphasised that Toc H Builders were within the Toc H Family. Many of them, however, had no link with their local Branch and more should be done through the District Teams to ensure them being kept in the picture. D. S. SANDERS (*W. London*) said that although more Branches had taken notice of the fact that the Family Purse needed more money, a number of members objected strongly to the 'bob-a-nob'. In our efforts to raise funds, it should not be overlooked that Toc H is a Christian organisation and many of the present difficulties could be overcome through sincere prayer. S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) replied that the 'bob-a-nob' was not meant for every individual but as an average for each Branch's contribution, and added that it was through prayer that we got the inspiration to do the work. D. C. D. KEMP (*East Anglia*) said that the Areas which had fallen below their assessment were mainly agricultural ones where the wage was often so low that people could not give even 1s. a week. We should concentrate on the individual who can dip a little deeper into his pocket. JOHN CALLF

Charles Potts and Ken Rogers.

(*Administrator*) said "the word 'training' is becoming an accepted word and it might be that the next word due for a spring-clean is 'finance' ", and continued:

It is not yet a proud word and for many it is a dirty word. We should bring it up over the next two years. We should be as proud of our attitude to money as of our attitude to praying. We have a Central Executive and a Central Finance Committee of very skilled and very faithful members and very reasonable men. They would be the first to say that they are no more part of the Movement than the furthermost Branch. We are all one Family. The Central Finance Committee and the Central Executive have a duty each year to submit to you their handling of the money and their accounts, and they are proud to show you each year how they handle the money. I wish the same could be said at the extreme, that Branches could be proud of how they handle all their money, proud of their stewardship and not ashamed to let people know how they handle their part of the money. A lot of Branches are on the point of being resentful over what they regard as intrusion into their privacy. We must do something about that. Once we can begin to introduce an element of pride throughout the Family a lot of problems will disappear on the way.

Alan Hill and Padre Bob Grey.

JACK HARRISON (*Finance Secretary*), on the question of self-assessment, said that he believed it to be the fundamental basis of Toc H that each one of us should try to work out what the Family was worth to us. Having worked out the self-assessment scheme in our Branch we should then use the envelopes which were being issued free this year. Let us experience the discipline and value of regular weekly giving. We should also send in to our Area Treasurer our accounts and let him see what our situation is.

Staffing

DEREK YARDLEY-WRIGHT (*General Members, Western*), in moving a resolution calling on the Central Executive to consider appointing a full-time Staff man to work in Universities and Technical Colleges, said that the real work of value in the 200 affiliated Schools took place when the Schools Correspondent was a Toc H member and was able to establish a firm personal contact with the boys. He continued:

"If half of the 200 Correspondents make such contact with only one boy each, this means that 100 boys in the country are enquiring about our Movement. If two boys from every Affiliated School go on to a

University, then out of a total of 1,000 boys who will have heard something of Toc H there will be 100 keen ones. The big question is what happens to them then, once they have settled down to the idea of becoming students instead of schoolboys?

"At the University everybody, except Toc H, takes an interest in them; all the religious denominations, the Inter-Varsity Fellowship, the S.C.M., the Methodist Association, the Presbyterian Association, all pin up their notices to try and gain the young men's attention, as do all the political parties. But Toc H says 'Perhaps later on we will see something of them'. This is a time when a young chap is seeking. At School he was taking-in, but now he begins to look forward. At this period of his life has our Movement nothing to offer him? Are we to wait until later before we put in our contribution? This is the time to pluck."

Giles Roche and George Davis.

In seconding the resolution, ALAN BURT (*Western*) spoke of the work of the Bristol University Toc H Circle, the majority of whose members were undertaking various forms of service. Many of those who had left the University had since made considerable impact on the life of their home-town Branches. He asked the Council to regard the Bristol effort as a pilot scheme and to make a permanent appointment for the extension of this work. D. S. SANDERS (*W. London*) in supporting the motion deplored the lack of a Staff man at Cambridge, while J. O. WESTON (*Sussex*) wanted it extended to include Teachers' and other Training Colleges. This was endorsed by A. V. THOMAS (*West Mids.*) who wished to include big industrial undertakings where they have halls of residence for their trainees. A. R. BATTERS (*South Western*) approved what previous speakers had said, but felt there was a danger of tying the hands of the Central Executive in making specific directions on how new staff men are to be employed. Miss M. FOWLER (*Gen. Sec. W.A.*) spoke of fruitful repercussions from members of the Bristol University Group, while F. H. WILLIS (*S. London*) thought that we were unlikely to recruit more staff unless and until we had an adequate fund with which to pay them. J. A. HILL (*West Mids.*) considered that similar results could be achieved by training students from theological colleges at Dor Knap, while CHARLES POTTS (*ex Uganda*) believed that it would

enthuse Branches throughout the country if they could have local contact with some University students. R. L. BRADLEY (*Cent. Exec.*) was not sure whether the appointment of a peripatetic staff man would cover the job, but thought the Central Executive should certainly address its mind to the proposal. J. B. MACMILLAN (*Western Area Sec.*), looking at the total University population for the whole country, said that it was obvious that the job could not be done by one man. He hoped a man could be appointed to work with staff men in possibly three Areas, because he would not be spending the whole year with undergraduates.

HARRY MILLS (*Cent. Exec.*) asked if this was not something that could be done, under the guidance of a staff man, by members living near universities. H. GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) pointed out that the plan was not a new one, as we have had a full-time man working at a University before. There are ten university towns where there is already a focal point for Toc H in the Marks. He thought it was not possible to provide a staff man to cover the twenty-eight universities, but we ought to take the bones of the resolution and do something about it.

Padre Jim Davies, Jack Luke from South Africa and Eric Ellis.

REG SMITH (*East Anglian Area Sec.*) said it was extremely difficult for the existing staff man in any given Area to devote the amount of time that a university requires. One difficulty is contacting the men when they are there. They don't live in houses like the rest of us. You cannot knock on doors and expect to find them there. It takes an immense amount of time, but it is a great experience. Having made your contact with your undergraduate, what is the next step? They are not interested in attending meetings but if you can find something for them to do you will get them. In Cambridge there is a waiting list of undergraduates waiting for something to do. He had always hoped to have in Cambridge a member of Toc H who knows his stuff—perhaps retired and not too occupied—who could act as friend, counsellor and adviser to keep open-house and wander round the colleges and make contact with the people recommended to him, invite them to

a meal and find ways and means of developing their interest in Toc H. COLIN CAMPBELL (*Oxford*) said it was an impossible task to put upon a full-time man, unless he had a nucleus of people on the spot to back him, as at Bristol. It might be worth making the experiment for a limited period.

Following further discussion, an amendment was negatived and the resolution was carried as follows:

"In view of the fact that the University and Technical College population in this country is growing rapidly and in ten years' time will have doubled, and in the belief that a new appointment would supplement the work already going on in schools and other youth spheres,

"That this Council, recognising that it is their duty to spread the Movement of Toc H, particularly among young people, desires the Central Executive of Toc H to consider with a degree of urgency the appointment of a full-time Staff man for a period of at least three years, to work specifically in these areas of modern society.

Re-organisation of Areas

The Chairman then read to the meeting a motion, of which notice had been given too late for inclusion in the agenda, as follows:

"Having regard to the overall shortage of staff man-power, it is desirable to examine the present distribution with a view to utilising the available personnel as advantageously as possible.

"To that end, a re-organisation of the present Areas should be considered and existing limits re-defined, so that all parts of the country may be under the direct supervision of a staff man."

This was spoken to by F. LORING and N. G. EDWARDS (*S. Wales and Mon.*). After discussion it was agreed to remit the matter to the Central Executive for examination.

Toc H Phraseology

In a witty and forceful speech, much to the Councillors' liking, K. H. BROADFIELD (*West Mids.*) moved a resolution calling for a review of the words at present used by Toc H, with especial emphasis on 'probationer'. "Often", he said, "it is not the man but the Branch that is on probation and if we must have a label, let us have one that fits the testing-time

more accurately. While we do not wish to take words piecemeal and change them for the sake of change alone, at the same time we do not want to be sentimental and leave them because they have been in use for so many years." The resolution was seconded by J. A. HILL (*West Mids.*) who said that words seldom stood for ideas alone, but for the ideas and emotions that they aroused.

TUBBY, who was given a great ovation, said among much else: "I want to speak to you about these words. In the first case to this matter of the probationer. We never called them probationers in the earlier days. I don't know that we had a word. We had a sentence that said 'don't dally on the doormat'. If you prefer to use the word that Ray Geise and I would have you use, don't call him probationer but 'new chum'.

Hugh Lyon and Tubby.

"In World War II we lost in many Branches the younger men whom we hoped God the Holy Spirit had called and sealed to lead Toc H henceforth. But God had nobler work for them to do. Thus shattered, much diminished, older men, some still with their war wounds of World War I, look back too much perhaps upon the past. The average age rose by at least ten years, and twenty more years have come and left their mark. Therefore the work we mainly undertake is for the old, the feeble, the infirm. Recruits are rare, and Branches grind away, discharging duties which can never lead to reinforcements from that time of life when God called William Booth and Charles Gore.

"With all that age of life we are out of touch. Today the gap between the old and young is a vast chasm very few can cross. Financially the young are independent; the State provides what fathers did before. Therefore to bring the young to join Toc H, Toc H itself requires to be revised. Our language and our outlook must be changed. We must present our case in a new light. I think we must abandon any hopes of putting our new wine into old bottles.

"Younger people will not stand the strain of listening patiently to long discussions, mainly conducted by grey-haired men. 'Over the hills and far away' is said to be the poet's finest phrase. We must adopt that phrase throughout Toc H. Only the younger men can build young Branches. Why must they call them 'Branches' in Toc H? The word itself is semi-obsolete, yet we are clinging to it in Toc H. Branches belong to vines, or else to trees. A human being when he is young and strong, and passionately eager to play games, treats all life as a game that has just begun, and tries to qualify for a strong 'team'.

"The dull word 'Area' is obsolete. In mid-Victorian *Punch* an area is a rainy basement where the police persuade a cook of more than middle-age that they have somehow missed their midday meal. Thus let our young teams be grouped and form a 'tribe'. Committees in the eyes of younger people are mainly inoffensive nincompoops who are themselves not strong enough to lead. The word suggests 'graves, worms and epitaphs'."

In the following amended form the resolution was carried:

"That, in view of the present connotation of the word 'Probationer', this word be replaced as soon as possible and, further, that the whole of Toc H phraseology be brought into line with modern thinking."

Sponsorship

A. L. HAWKINS (*Beds. & Herts.*) in proposing a motion, spoke on the formality of sponsorship and asked for a leaflet to be distributed to all Branches. He gave instances of where sponsors had failed to carry out their responsibilities to get alongside the newcomer as 'a friend and brother'. Is it any wonder, he asked, that our membership falls below standard and the new member fails to stick and drifts away? Our sisters in the Women's Association have already faced up to the problem by producing a very good leaflet on Sponsorship and we should now follow their example. He believed that by making an initial distribution of two free copies, they would reach the Branches who would be unlikely to send for them and yet most needed them.

Les Wheatley, Dudley Herring and Geoff Martin.

F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*), in seconding, told of slack methods of appointing sponsors and said, "If Toc H was a tennis club, or nothing more than a society for social welfare, it would not matter very much; if Toc H is to be what we believe it was created for, then it matters a great deal. Meeting the challenge of the Sixties is directly related to the calibre of the individuals we bring into the Movement. If, by our neglect, we allow and encourage the enlisting of men who have only the dimmest notions of the aims and purposes of Toc H, then we are the guilty ones, and on us must fall the blame for any diminishing of the spirit that this may bring."

D. Macintosh (*Scotland*) said that the business of Sponsorship ought to have been tackled a long time ago and the whole unit was in the position of sponsor to the newcomer. C. P. Davis (*N. London*) thought the resolution most important, because Sponsorship has almost everywhere become a formality. E. W. Eden (*East Mids.*), while agreeing that poor sponsorship was at present a real weakness, was not in favour of 'yet another leaflet'. K. H. Broadfield (*West Mids.*), suggested that *The Toc H Signpost* should contain a chapter on sponsorship.

Rex Calkin (*Gen. Sec.*) said that a complete revision of *The Signpost* had been made and into it had gone an article on Sponsorship. The draft is now in the hands of the printer and he hoped that what it has to say about Sponsorship will be helpful. Whether it takes the place of a leaflet on Sponsorship he was not sure. John Callf (*Administrator*) said he cared enormously about training new members and what Sponsors can do to help. A Sponsor is also the 'redeemer', the biblical word in the old Jewish teaching. If a man fell on evil times or in evil ways, then his redeemer was called to bring him back. Within the insight and wisdom of Toc H we have got two good men as Sponsors, and it is their job not only to train the newcomer at the beginning, but when he is tempted to turn from Toc H, they come as his 'redeemers' to bring him back.

F. G. Chesworth, Reg Stewart and Tommy Asquith.

Philip Prior and Harry Gell (*Cent. Exec.*) were not sure that the resolution was in the best form for the Central Executive to act upon, as they might feel on examination that the solution should not be limited to a leaflet. As amended, the resolution was put and carried in the following form:

> *"That, believing that in a majority of cases sponsorship has become a formality and that from this fundamental weakness arises many of the problems of Toc H today, this Council directs the incoming members of the Central Executive to treat this as a matter of urgency, and to initiate such measures as shall bring home to Branches the nature of their responsibility."*

Saturday Night

Before 'Light' was taken by ALAN HILL (*Marks Pilot*) at an informal session after supper on the Saturday evening, TUBBY paid a tribute to those closely connected with the Council who had joined the Elder Brethren over the past year. BARKIS (*Vice-President*) in reminiscent mood spoke of the Oberammergau Pilgrimages and HUGH BEETON (*Cent. Exec.*) gave a brief picture of his work as Training Officer with Oversea Service. CHARLES POTTS (*late Hon. Comm., Uganda*) followed and introduced PI MULUMBA-MUSOKE (*Field Asst., Uganda*), at present visiting Toc H in Britain. Other guests called upon to say a word included DAVID SOBEY (*East London, S. Africa*) and JACK UREN (*Adelaide, S. Australia*). Newly appointed staff men, David Garner Freeston, and Padres Clifford Pollard, John Gingell and Bob Grey (late of S. Africa) were also welcomed by the company.

Sunday Morning

The day commenced with two Celebrations of Holy Communion: the Free Churchmen meeting together in the library while the Anglicans visited Clapham Parish Church. Later, in the conference hall, Padre BOB KNIGHT (*Manchester*) led the Council in an inspiring service during which, taking his text from Isaiah VI, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?", he spoke on "Divine Friendship".

Some Matters Arising

Schools and Work Projects

In the absence of Colonel Elliot (leading a School party at Dor Knap), KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE (*Asst. Schools Sec.*) told of the successful Schools parties held last year and this. He asked Councillors to put staff men in touch with lads likely to be interested. He also spoke on the Spurn Point project, to help the Yorkshire Naturalist Trust convert a derelict army camp into a bird-watching observatory. He said that a need existed for some smaller local projects on a Branch or District basis, which could make direct personal contact with local schools and called for suggestions.

The new Mark III

Padre JIM DAVIES (*Administrative Padre*) said that the fact that the plans had gone ahead while £40,000 was still needed was an adventure in faith and a tribute to both the Central

Houses and Finance Committees. We owed a great debt of gratitude to Colin Campbell for the imagination and courage he had brought to bear on the project. "Marks are vital to Toc H" he continued, "often in the past we have had to make-do, now in this new house we are drawing on the experience of thirty years. . . . Under the leadership of L. Prideaux-Brune, a small team is already at work, before the House is finished, planning to start the new Mark off in the way it will go."

Services Work in Germany

Colonel John Davies (*Cent. Exec.*) said that Services work in Germany had been through a rough passage in the last few years but was now in calmer waters. A strong need still existed for the Clubs especially in their spiritual approach and he instanced the building by the troops themselves of the chapel at Paderborn Club. A loss in running the Clubs must be expected, mitigated by a Government grant which had now been placed on a more even basis. Against this the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark had to be reckoned with. For years the Staff had carried on with faith and energy through turbulent conditions and had done a tremendous job, being very hard pressed with no idea of what the future held. Fortunately things now looked a shade easier and it was hoped to do a little more for them. Last year's appeal to the Central Council and in the Journal had resulted in members coming forward to serve in Germany, but we could still do with more candidates.

Brigadier L. F. E. Wieler and W. S. Hardacre.

Dor Knap

Richard Ayshford-Sanford (*Cent. Exec.*) thought that the filmstrip gave people a good idea of what Dor Knap looked like and some of the things that happened there. He paid a warm tribute to the initial work put in by the late Bill Atkins carried on by Charles and Kate Young, and now under the care of the present Warden, George Atkinson, and his wife. It was important that all the organised parties should be filled to capacity and while much initial work had already been accomplished there was still much to be done both in the house

and in the grounds. He introduced GEORGE ATKINSON who said it had already been a thrilling experience and that without the valuable advice passed on by Charles and Kate, the Warden's job would have been very much harder.

J. GOODYEAR (*Lincs.*) expressed disappointment with the amount of work done by working parties and asked if it could be arranged to notify the jobs in advance so that they could arrive with the necessary tools. He also felt that it should be possible to convert some of the out-buildings into chalets for the use of members and their wives. The ADMINISTRATIVE PADRE said that since the Lincolnshire party's visit much more had been done to the chapel and a beautiful altar had now been made and presented by a Broadway member. Even when completed there would be some who thought it bare, but the aim was to establish the union between work and worship. The chapel would be kept as simple as possible. In response to the suggestion of chalets for married folk, JOHN CALLF (*Administrator*) said that Dor Knap was a *training* centre. There were already other places where members could enjoy being with their families. Parties did not go to Dor Knap as *working* parties; the work formed only a part of the training, the basic principle being that every man should leave things a little better than he found them.

Frank Clarke and Sydney Swain.

Joint Units

PHILIP PRIOR (*Cent. Exec.*) said that Joint Units might grow rapidly and, being experimental, might easily grow on wrong lines. But in fact, their growth had been slow. They seemed to be a genuine expression of the aims and objects of the Movement, and there was a definite change of thought in this direction. He praised their value as a way of starting Toc H for younger people. One only has half a family while there are only men or only women, he continued, and there should be room in any one town for a Toc H Branch, a W.A. Branch and also a Joint Unit.

N. H. TOYE (*S.E. London*), speaking as a convert to the idea

of Joint Units as the result of discussion with younger members at Dor Knap, thought that the future of Toc H rested with Joint Units. Miss M. FOWLER (*Gen. Sec. W.A.*) said that Joint Units should be looked at in any general plan for extension and asked that Area J.A.C.s should not only consider Joint Units but also the many ways of co-operation between men's and women's Branches.

Public Relations

"Every man should be his own publicity officer for the Movement" said COLIN WINTLE (*Press Agent*). His difficulties will be fairly obvious, for it is far harder to publicise an idea than it is a commodity, but every member is a salesman for the idea of Toc H. He thought the suggestion for a mobile publicity van would be expensive and only prove helpful on a limited scale, but he praised a recently produced Western Area leaflet which was attractively presented, explained Toc H and required personal contact for its circulation.

Gerry Hayes, Pi Mulumba-Musoke, Miss Frances Beeton and Hugh Beeton.

The Old House

JACK TREFUSIS (*Vice-Chm., Old House Comm.*) said that, although there had been a large number of visitors to the Old House last summer, there were not yet nearly enough. Younger members tended to make comparisons between the Old House and Dor Knap but in fact they are complementary to each other, for training is the purpose of Dor Knap while the Old House, which is not a museum nor necessarily a shrine, can carry people further. Friends of the Old House now numbered 240 and it was hoped that many more members after visiting Flanders would wish to join.

Festival

In announcing the date of the next Festival as June 16–17, 1962, JACK TREFUSIS (*Cent. Exec.*) said that it would be held in London. The Royal Albert Hall would be used on the Saturday evening. Areas are being warmly invited to put forward for consideration their own contribution of short items with a local flavour, each lasting six minutes or so. Suggestions for the Festival would be very welcome and the committee

would like to have members' views on a proposal to spend the Sunday together on the Thames, on one of the larger steamers carrying 1,500 passengers.

Rotary

GEORGE DAVIS (*Cent. Exec.*) said that the Rotary movement was this year celebrating its golden jubilee and wished to mark the occasion by closer co-operation with other bodies concerned with voluntary social service as part of their objects. It was hoped to see local Rotary Clubs working on close terms where there was any job bigger than any one of them could conveniently tackle. It had been arranged to meet Rotary once a year to exchange information on what they and we were doing and Councillors were asked to pass the idea down the line so that co-operation could be achieved at all levels.

Staff Recruitment

In response to a question from J. O. L. BRASS (*Northern*) on what action had been taken to implement last year's resolution on Staff recruitment, the Chairman said that there had been three additional Padres and one layman. "We need not only the money, but the men, and cannot conjure them up. It is up to the membership to send in names of young Toc H men willing to consider serving as whole-timers."

New Members

Quoting figures that showed a decline in membership over the last six years, RONALD CLARKE (*Chairman, Central Elections Committee*) said that people were leaving Toc H faster than new members were joining and that "looked at mathematically the whole Movement would have disappeared by 1970–75". If every Branch recruited one member a year the trend would be stabilised, and with two new members it would be reversed. It was no use leaving it to Central Committees to talk over: a sense of personal responsibility and enthusiasm must be communicated to every individual member.

J. B. POOLE (*East Mids.*) said that the problem varied from place to place and must be examined at Area, District and Branch levels. Training in methods of recruiting was needed and the Area Guard and Area Elections Committee could help in a joint effort. "Why not let the target be one extra member per Branch per year?" asked H. D. MILLS (*Cent. Exec.*), who said the problem was bound up with sponsorship and training. T. H. BRAMLEY (*East Mids.*) speaking from personal experi-

ence told how a District Team could successfully revive a dying Branch and D. T. STARLING (*Western*) expressed surprise at a defeatist attitude and preferred challenging each individual member instead of the Branch.

Brigadier L. F. E. WIELER (*Cent. Exec.*) thought that many people had little idea of what Toc H was about and suggested that a recruiting van should tour the country. J. O. L. BRASS (*Northern*) asked if Central Councillors were fulfilling their role as leaders in this matter, while F. W. DIVES (*Kent*) thought the target of one extra member per Branch too low. He suggested one new member per member.

L. G. PRITCHARD (*South Western*) thought that joint groups were particularly indicated where the recruitment of young people was concerned. HARRY GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) pointed out that the Council had accepted the statements in *We Are Agreed* and that there were now fifteen Joint Branches and one joint group. Five District Teams had decided to work on a joint basis and some of the liveliest Branches were the mixed ones. He said that at two of the Guard of the Lamp Conferences already held there had emerged the point that in the difficult Branch the new life must come from outside where there was not the one member with the personality to turn the whole thing upside down. It was up to Area Guards to see that the Branch received this 'new life' from outside. The functions of Guards of the Lamp and Elections Committees were to be revised and it must be ensured that responsibility for Extension and New Branches was clearly defined.

W. S. HARDACRE (*Oxford & Thames Valley*) said the job of Toc H was not to reverse trends but to spread Toc H: he stressed the value of holding more real Guest-nights. IAIN FRASER (*Lakeland Area Sec.*) said that the real significance of today's figures of membership lay in the number of Branches whose total membership is twelve or less. Units of under a dozen men find it difficult to get fresh members, because they lack diversity of character and experience and are not lively in themselves. Instead of adding a Branch here and a Branch there, get at those Branches where the numbers are low and insist that their minimum attendance should be at least twelve men. In our attempts to start new Branches, we are far too often content to commence with six people. This is psychologically unsound and we ought to insist that where extension takes place the minimum number should be around twelve men.

The Council Meeting had reached its final stage when the Founder Padre, in a heartening and perceptive speech, delivered vigorously at a rapid rate, spoke on the great opportunities presented to today's Toc H. He spoke of the men in Banking—a world of its own—and of the members of the Commercial Travellers' Christian Association with both of whom it is incredibly foolish of Toc H not to be in closer and constant touch. Tubby continued:

"Wandering across the Hill at about 9 o'clock one evening recently, I found a mass of second-hand cars parked outside All Hallows. Within the Porch Room were gathered a company of young men belonging to a Christian Union from the great firm of Tate & Lyle. Bringing their sandwiches and flasks of tea with them, five teams of twenty men in two-hour watches, had come to spend the night in prayer."

"When you are told to watch for signs of the times", he added "while this sort of thing does not get into the papers: yet, this is the kind of thing we should be watching: glorious signs that things are not so bad."

Recalling G. K. Chesterton's story of "The Invisible Man", Tubby continued, "There are a lot of invisible people in society today; people who are about the place and with us constantly. Postmen and policemen are good to have as members. Policemen are now encouraged to join non-political associations and many of them would be glad to come into Toc H. How many milkmen have we got as members? Go out and find the best milkman in your neighbourhood and bring him in as a guest to your Branch. It is the people that you don't know, these hidden sources, people of real goodwill, where we want to launch out. There are great numbers of them, many of them convinced Christians—and that by no means excludes the coming generation."

"If you go out expecting to find bad, you will find it. But if you go in a hopeful mood, the good is there and you will find it. Adversity is the diamond dust with which God polishes his jewels. . . . I do not hope that Toc H will ever 'flourish', this would be bad for it.

Prayer is not a silent pact,
We must ask and we must act.

Special Meeting

In accordance with due notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Central Council was adjourned and at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, a Special Meeting was held. This was for the purpose of considering a Special Resolution which was proposed with a view to making amendments to the Royal Charter, as forecast at the annual meeting in 1960.

The first of these related to the extension of the power of the Corporation to acquire land. Taking into account increases in the annual value of land over the years since the Charter was granted in 1922, the substitution of the figure of £100,000 for £20,000 in Article III was considered appropriate.

The remaining provisions of the Special Resolution contained the amendments which were to be made on legal advice, in the light of recent decisions of the Courts in relation to Charities, in order to make it clear that the Objects of Toc H are 'exclusively charitable'. This overriding proviso was to be added at the end of Article V, setting out the Powers of the Corporation:

"PROVIDED that notwithstanding anything in this Article contained the Corporation shall have no power to pay or apply any money or property except in furtherance of objects which are exclusively charitable and each of the several powers conferred upon it by this Article shall be read construed and take effect subject to this overriding limitation".

The Special Resolution also set out in full the following new Article proposed in substitution for the present Article IV—Objects of the Corporation:

"INASMUCH as the Corporation has been established and incorporated and the Association has been formed with the intention and in the hope that it shall

(A) preserve amongst men and transmit to future generations the traditions of fellowship and service manifested by all ranks during the Great War (1914–1918) thereby encouraging its members, through the common Christian life of the Association, to seek God, and helping them to find His will and to do it;

(B) encourage amongst the members of the Association the desire to perform, and facilitate the performance of all kinds of social service as between and for the benefit of all ranks of society;

(C) promote among all people a wide human interest in the lives and needs of their fellows and foster in every man a sense of responsibility for the well-being of his fellow man;

(D) mitigate by habit of mind and word and deed the evils of class consciousness and endeavour to create a body of public opinion free of all social antagonisms,

THE OBJECTS for which the Corporation is established and incorporated and for which the Association is to exist are to advance the practice of the Christian religion by people of all ages and races and further to encourage education especially in regard to the study and practices of the social sciences, to promote the welfare of the armed forces of the Crown, to promote the rehabilitation of offenders against the laws of the realm, to make charitable provision for the right use of leisure particularly by young people, to give relief to the poor and aged, to give assistance to the sick and to promote other charitable purposes as the Corporation may determine. By pursuing these objects Toc H members bear witness to the love of God made manifest in man and so spread the Gospel of Christ."

In proposing the Resolution, the ADMINISTRATOR said that the law relating to charity, being governed by rules laid down in the days of Queen Elizabeth I, was one of incredible complexity. Recent legislation had made it more imperative to establish which societies are in fact charitable, if, for example, they are to continue to be eligible for concessions by way of relief from income tax and of part remission of rates. The Objects of Toc H, as defined in the Charter of 1922, were a fine statement of general purpose but would be extremely vulnerable in a court of law. They had been retained in the draft of the new Article as a statement preliminary to the new definition, which in its unadorned legal form would meet the requirements of the authorities. In no way would it change the character and purpose of Toc H.

The Resolution was seconded by a former Hon. Administrator, HUBERT SECRETAN, now a President of the Corporation. Tribute was paid and thanks expressed to the Hon. Roger Nathan for his work on the drafting, and to the working party led by the former Chairman of the Executive, Ronald Symons, the finished product bearing no relation to the extent of their work on what had eventually been agreed upon as a minimum of alteration.

After some comments on the inevitable wording to comply with the law and a Scottish interjection on the identity of Queen Elizabeth I, the Special Resolution was put to the vote and carried unanimously. (After confirmation by a further Special Meeting of the Council on May 3, application has been made for the approval of Her Majesty's Privy Council.)

The Elder Brethren

BENNETT.—On April 4, EDWIN W. BENNETT, aged 82, a member of Mark II Branch. Elected 1.2.'25.

BONHAM-CARTER.—On April 11, Lt.-Col. BRIAN HULBERT BONHAM-CARTER, aged 71, formerly of India, member of Toc H War Services Team in France and prisoner of war, 1940-45, member of Ilton Branch, Somerset. Elected 1.3.'34.

BROWNE-WILKINSON.—Suddenly on April 8, the Rev. Canon ARTHUR RUPERT BROWNE-WILKINSON, M.C., aged 72, a member of Chichester Branch. Elected 28.9.'32.

COBIGO.—On March 31, ASTSTIDE PIERRE COBIGO, aged 72, a member of Weybridge Branch. Elected 7.5.'38.

COX.—On April 14, JAMES EDWARD COX, aged 73, a member of Callington Branch. Elected 27.3.'53.

DOWNS.—On March 28, ALBERT DOWNS, aged 73, a member of Richmond (Surrey) Branch. Elected 26.7.'37.

HAMBRO.—On April 25, RONALD OLAF HAMBRO, J.P., aged 75, Churchwarden of All Hallows, a Vice-President of Toc H since 1955.

HOPE.—On April 9, JOHN FRANCIS HOPE, aged 51, a member of Gretna Branch. Elected 13.1.'53.

JONES.—On March 31, STANLEY HERBERT JONES, aged 51, a member of Southend-on-Sea Branch. Elected 29.3.'38.

KERLOGUE.—On April 3, HERBERT REUBEN KERLOGUE, aged 81, a Northern London Area member. Elected 1.4.'32.

MACKAY.—On April 6, ALEXANDER MACKAY, aged 56, a member of Carluke Branch. Elected 13.6.'30.

MCMILLAN.—On April 10, NEIL MCMILLAN, aged 55, Provost of Paisley and a member of Paisley Branch. Elected 19.5.'53.

MOSSMAN.—On April 11, VICTOR EMMANUEL MOSSMAN, aged 63, a member of Crosby Branch. Elected 1.1.'31.

MUIR.—On March 28, HENRY MUIR, aged 49, a member of Hamilton Branch. Elected 3.2.'51.

SAMUEL.—On April 25, Sir EDWARD LOUIS SAMUEL, BT., aged 64, Bursar of Toc H from 1928 to 1940, and a member of the Central General Members Branch. Elected 3.7.'28.

SMALE.—On March 27, FREDERICK CHARLES SMALE, aged 87, a member of Okehampton Branch. Elected 30.11.'40.

SMITH.—On April 25, WILLIAM ERNEST SMITH, aged 69, a member of Sheringham Branch. Elected 30.12.'52.

STENT.—On March 16, FRANK CLAUDE STENT, aged 76, a member of Potters Bar Branch. Elected 16.1.'58.

STRUGNELL.—On March 17, FRANK LEONARD STRUGNELL, aged 80, a member of Aylesbury Branch. Elected 4.11.'55.

TUXILL.—On April 4, WILLIAM CYRIL TUXILL, aged 42, a member of Street Branch. Elected 25.10.'46.

TYLER.—On April 10, ERNEST TYLER, aged 54, a member of Thurlby Branch. Elected 21.1.'45.

WILDS.—On April 12, EDWIN JOSEPH WILDS, aged 52, a member of Budleigh Salterton Branch. Elected 22.11.'57.

Scout's Honour

F. G. CHESWORTH

How 'Ginger' Hurst came to possess a copy of one of the fortnightly parts of *Scouting for Boys* nobody ever knew. But possess it he did, and what is more read it: although at his elementary school Ginger was not noted for literary leanings. Having read, he proceeded to act, forming his own 'patrol' by recruiting half-a-dozen adherents from the crowded workmen's dwellings where he lived.

Uniforms were on the sketchy side, the essential items being a broomstick and shoulder knot. Beyond these, ownership of a haversack or a discarded broad-brimmed hat—relics from the South African War—conferred on the wearer a distinct prestige, while four pennies could buy a wooden water-bottle that had seen previous service in the Sudan campaign.

Ginger's patrol was not interested in the strictly limited wild life of Lambeth; but when it came to 'wide' games, organised forays on the market-stalls in nearby Lambeth Walk provided plenty of scope for 'scouting' activities. The term 'juvenile delinquents' had yet to be coined, but the 'patrol' was soon well on the trail to noteworthy notoriety. At this stage a young curate, newly appointed to the parish church, took a hand and with patient persuasion created a Scout troop on more orthodox lines, with Ginger as one of its patrol leaders.

Adult helpers included a doctor, an artist, a medical student, a teacher and a retired regimental sergeant-major, the latter responsible for the troop's 'discipline'. "Boys, when you are passing through enemy country, it is essential that you should know how to milk a cow" being one of his set-pieces. Oddly enough, within a very few years most of these youngsters found themselves caught up in World War I, and in enemy country.

In such fashion the seed of Scouting took root in one small pocket, and the particular Scout Group thus started celebrates its fiftieth birthday this summer.

Although fifty and more years have passed since Scouting was launched in Britain, the inspiring story of Robert Baden-Powell's far-reaching gift to world-youth has yet to be told in its entirety. Nor can it ever be, for so vast and widespread a picture requires a canvas of world-wide proportions. But a

three-man team of well-known members of Scout Headquarters, HENRY COLLIS, FRED HURLL and REX HAZLEWOOD, each with long experience of Scouting, have together set down the story of the Boy Scout Movement* and of the man to whom it owes existence.

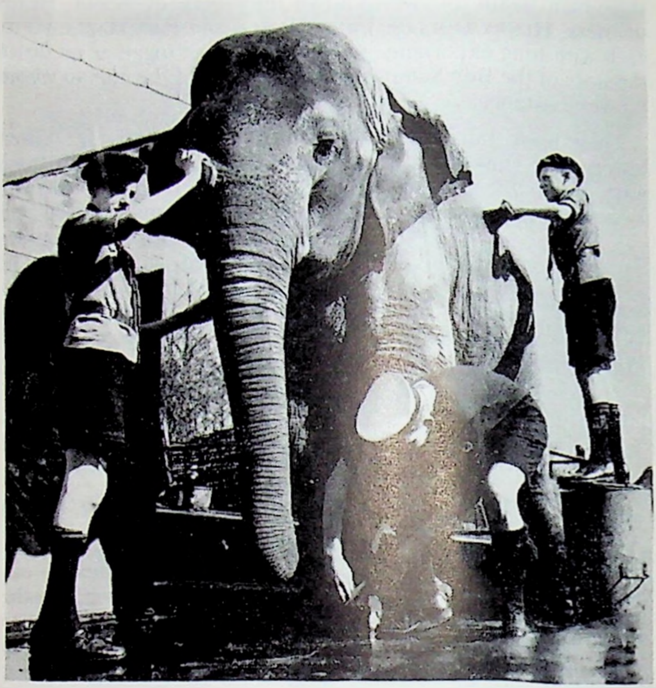
Their book falls into two parts: the first a lively written history that runs from B.-P.'s formative years, through three wars, up to the present time. The second part, *The Passing Years,* records in diary form the many milestones passed and heights achieved, supplemented with terse comments from B.-P.'s own diary. For those "Men that were boys when I was a boy" it will arouse many nostalgic memories, but these must not be allowed to blind readers from the fact that the book forms a valuable contribution to the social history of our times.

Two of the major problems with which the Scout Movement has been faced are (a) that so many Wolf Cubs never become Boy Scouts and (b) the difficulty of holding-on to large numbers of Scouts on their reaching adolescence.

"*Scouting for Boys* was written for the eleven- to fourteen-year-old; his younger brother had been arranged for. How to bring in the boy at the other end of the age group was less easy of solution. Fundamentally, there were two problems: to retain a greater proportion of boys in the Movement after the school-leaving age of fourteen, and to find a place for those who *did* remain as they grew into manhood—and the failure to recognise this led to the various plans put forward, tried (or not tried), and abandoned which were to litter the ensuing years."

A close parallel exists between Scouting and Toc H in that the birth of the Scout Movement was preceded by the publication of *Scouting for Boys*, and the re-birth of Toc H by

***B.-P.'s Scouts.* An Official History. (Collins, 21s. 0d.)



'Bob-a-Job!'

Tales of Talbot House. In their earliest conceptions, neither B.-P. nor TUBBY fully visualised the launching of world-wide movements and there are, of course, many other equally valid comparisons.

A raised eyebrow may be permitted at the book's lack of reference to Toc H, despite the long and close friendship between B.-P. and Tubby and the fact that all three Chief Scouts have each, in turn, become Presidents of Toc H. It should be remembered, however, that the work of selection of material—what to include and what to reject in an 'official history'—must have presented the compilers with a tremendous task.

As a postscript to this chronicled history, last year all Toc H members with Scouting connections were especially

glad to learn that the Chief Scout, Sir CHARLES MACLEAN, had agreed to serve as a President of Toc H. Sir Charles, in a letter to Tubby, wrote: "I have for very many years admired and cherished the work of Toc H. To be connected more closely in this manner is indeed a happy event for me. I can assure you that anything I can do to maintain or strengthen the link between Scouting and Toc H will be done." And in response to a letter of good wishes from the Administrator, JOHN CALLF, he said ". . . I know that if we both continue to walk along the road which our Father has shown us to be the right road, we will continue to walk together."

And having read this absorbing history, what then? Wherever there is a Toc H Branch there is bound to be at least one nearby outpost of Scouting. Where liaison is good, nothing more needs to be said, for the help and friendship of 'the elder to the younger' will already be evident. But there are many other Scout groups handicapped through lack of Scouters, where offers of active help would be welcomed, either as a Scouter, Cubmaster, Instructor or as a Badge Examiner and every Jobmaster should make a point of being in contact with the District Commissioner of the local Scout Association.

Going Places, 1961

JULY 10-14. PADRE'S PARTY, including wives. Based on the Old House, Poperinge. Rev. R. J. DAVIES, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

JULY 15-22. MIXED PARTY, including Bruges. Leader: JACK CLARK, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

AUGUST 19-SEPT. 2. MIXED PARTY, week's visit to Holland, followed by second week in Belgium; five days in Bruges and two days at the Old House. Details from F. G. CHESWORTH, Editorial Office, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

AUGUST 21-28. WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, NORTH WESTERN REGION. Mrs. A. Davidson, 8 Mill Brow, Kirby Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancs.

SEPTEMBER 2-9 (Hop Fair Weekend). MIXED PARTY. Leader: Miss SHIRLEY JONES, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3. For weekend or week.

HERE are brief details of some of the Toc H Parties going to Poperinge, Holland and Belgium this summer, in which (as we go to press) there are still a few vacant places.

Further particulars can be had by writing direct to the party leader but, to ensure a place, would-be applicants will need to act quickly.

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FROM ALL PARTS
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WESTERN — **from Johnnie MacMillan**

Bath Country Fair, as well as raising nearly £200, brought a considerable amount of interest in the Toc H Family in this district. It was most encouraging to hear the many expressions of goodwill towards Toc H on the day of the event. The Mayor of Bath, in his introduction of Bernard Fishwick of the B.B.C. (who opened the Fair) said that he, as Mayor of Bath, was very pleased to take part as he was a Toc H Builder.

Toc H in the Western Area is looking forward to the visit of the Administrative Padre, Jim Davies. The University Circle are laying on a Coffee Party for Bristol North & South Districts at the Area Centre on this occasion. Jim will also attend the Summer Rally at SHRIVENHAM, and join in the fun and games at FROME's Get-together.

Members of Branches in BRISTOL and GLOUCESTER Districts are spending a weekend with South Wales members at Caerphilly Castle. Whilst some members are not too keen on the possibility of going up a mountain, all are keen to hear the singing of South Wales, and to listen to Alec Churcher's talk.

The much maligned General member often turns up trumps when a real job is presented to him. A Western Area Member, one time in one of our Branches, but now living outside the Area, took the second 'leg' of a 180-mile journey to convey a disabled War Pensioner and his wife back to their home in Bristol from Reading, where they had spent the weekend seeing their young son take part in his school exercises.

Work with prisoners is not easy, but can be rewarding. A local Branch took an interest in prisoner 'A' and got him into their Branch, where he took up with 'B' whose family welcomed him into their midst, and 'A' very shortly began to show his appreciation of their care for him by being a very real asset to the family life, so much so, that 'A' brought to the attention of the Branch the fact that 'B' was in serious financial trouble, and 'A's concern about this problem encouraged the Branch to step in and help. Their immediate aid saved the 'B' family from eviction. Result—two very happy men.

KEYNSHAM Branch have been visiting patients in Barrow Gurney Mental Hospital, where they are doing an extremely good job. So well have they extended the hand of friendship that patient Mrs. 'X' was happy to inform them that she was being allowed to go home but expressed sadness that she would not be seeing them again. One of the members suggested that the Branch might collect her the following week on their way to the hospital, and her joy had to be seen to be believed! They checked up with the Matron that such a course would be in order, and Matron was highly amused, remarking that

the hospital did its best to send patients home, and here they were bringing one back! Nevertheless, she complimented them on the job they had done, and Mrs. 'X' now visits regularly with the Branch.

Clacton-on-Sea members redecorating rooms at the Cheshire Home, Great Bromley.

EAST ANGLIA from Gordon Minshull

CLACTON-ON-SEA Branch have recently redecorated the main lounge and concert hall of the Cheshire Home at Great Bromley. Teams of three or four made the ten-mile journey two or three times a week in our own transport. The walls and ceilings were washed down, filled, and redecorated, a job which took several weeks and saved the Home a lot of money.

The Branch has now 'looked after' the Home for several years, acting as local agents and constantly taking all kinds of furniture and odds and ends over. These, in the last few months have included a Thor washing machine, a Westminster chiming clock, heaters of all kinds, a £5 cheque and literature of all kinds. When the warden asked if we could get a supply of small barrels for decorative purposes inside and outside the building, a local fruiterer was persuaded to buy fifteen barrels of grapes for Christmas and that was another job done.

The Branch puts on film shows of professional standard and the ladies put on a live variety show. In the summer, members look after the gardens and this summer the patients will be taken for car rides through the countryside.

The patients are now well known to us as individuals. Two couples were married recently, and spent their honeymoon at Clacton. Whenever they come over for a show of any kind, Toc H are there to lift and carry.

WEST MIDLANDS **from Bob Purdy**

BROADWAY Branch Annual Guest-night again packed the Lifford Hall when the Bishop of Worcester was the Guest Speaker.

After a well-attended initial meeting at STOURPORT, a group has now been recognised and already have an excellent programme arranged as well as jobs.

MARCHES District held their annual Training week-end at Nash Court on Clee Hill. Padre Hugh Millett discussed the possible use of the old church at Richards Castle as a venue for Toc H gatherings and an experiment in Christian discussion. Sunday's session on Industrial Relationships was led by a Midlands District Organiser of the T. & G. W. Union and the Managing Director of a Birmingham factory; a provocative and stimulating experience for all concerned. KINGS NORTON Branch held a Guest-night for the showing of *A Lamp Burns*, supported by South Birmingham District.

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Members and friends at Broadway Branch's Annual Guest-night.

SCOTLAND **from Alex. Arneil**

A Scottish Training Conference, the third of its kind, for PERTH and ANGUS Area was held at COUPAR ANGUS Branch meeting-place on Sunday, March 26. Nearly forty members attended, including strong contingents from Stirling, Alloa and Crieff, and were welcomed from the Chair by John Hart of Brechin Branch.

Considerable planning had preceded the conference which had for its theme 'To help members to understand more fully the basic principles of the Movement and their relevance to the situation in the world today'.

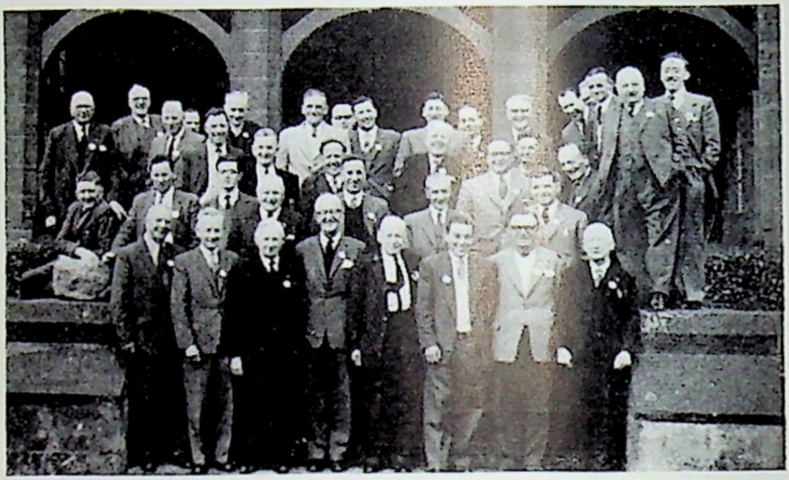
DONALD MACINTOSH opened the conference with a wise and witty talk during which he had some hard things to say on the Welfare State and television. He found that young people today are realistic and down-to-earth in their outlook and if a Branch is to succeed it must include in its programmes the three ingredients of education, recreation and the Ceremony of Light. He thought that publicity, when well handled, opened a door for us to get into men's minds, and it

might then get men into Toc H. Speaking on the value of the Key-notes booklet, he told his hearers that if they had not yet read it, they were missing the best Toc H publication so far issued (*Result : At the lunch-break, Reg Stewart's bookstall sold out of copies.*)

Following Donald's talk and lunch, under group leaders HARRY WOOLASTON (*Stirling*) and ARCHIE LAWSON (*Brechin*) discussion groups tackled a choice of five questions. When the time came, all too quickly, for reporting back the leaders were able to say that agreement had in most cases been reached, but not without some divergences of opinion.

The summing-up, undertaken by LYNDSAY ORR, underlined that the real value of the conference rested in the thinking out of the questions, although it was possible that everyone would not arrive at the same answers. He was sure that all who had taken part would return to their Branches refreshed and ready for further effort.

The Conference ended with a short Service of Praise, led by the Rev. WILLIAM COCHRANE, Padre of Coupar Angus Branch.



Scottish members at the South Western Training Conference held at Piersland, Troon, Ayrshire.

NORTH WALES **from Gwilym Edwards**

The Divisional Executive at its Annual Meeting at MOLD on April 8 received, with much regret, the news that Edgar Atkinson could not stand for re-election as Chairman. Having been in the leadership of the Movement in the Division for twelve years and given unstintingly and at much personal sacrifice through recurring times of stress, he well deserves the rest his doctor has advised; he assures us he will make a come-back when his health improves. Elected Chairman in his place and with the confidence of the members that he will make an admirable successor was Hugh L. Hughes of Mold, who has been a Central Councillor for two terms.

Advance arrangements are in hand for an Autumn Conference at RHYL on the weekend October 7–8 next. This will be another in the series of most enlivening and productive get-togethers sponsored by the Executive over the past ten years.

Members of Maghull Joint Branch spring-cleaning the Parish Institute.

LINCOLNSHIRE

from George Lee

No doubt one of the commonest phrases used in many Branches is "How do we get new members?" Some Branches are insistent that they have tried every way imaginable to get new men. Others are equally adamant that one can only get new men through jobs of work. The experience of one new group in this Area, however, is that men can still be brought in by the sheer enthusiasm of those who have already themselves found a worthwhile experience within the Family of Toc H.

Some members of this group were planning to attend an Inter-District Meeting some distance from their own 'hunting grounds'. They had agreed to meet at a certain time on the appointed evening at a selected place. Whilst waiting for the last chap to arrive, one of those already present noticed a friend of his passing by, who asked the group, "Where are you off to tonight?". "To a Toc H meeting of course. Where are you off to?" "Me, I've just finished work and I'm off home for a spot of tea." "Why don't you come with us? Look, we can wait another fifteen minutes. That'll give you time to get home, clean yourself up a bit, get a spot of tea and be back here to come with us . . . we'll wait for you."

Wait, they did, and sure enough the chap turned up, went with them to the meeting, thoroughly enjoyed himself, and was won over by that simple act of immediate warm invitation.

Is this story too simple to have a moral? Perhaps so, but it lends support to the view that men are still appreciative of signs of enthusiasm, sincerity and obvious enjoyment in the things that they do. The rest of the conclusions you can draw for yourself.

A party at Broadham Children's Home organised by Paignton members.

SOUTH WESTERN **from Gilbert Francis**

Whilst we would hesitate to suggest that CHARD Branch has water on the brain, the fact remains that the latest two brainwaves produced by the Branch concern water in some degree. The Branch has felt for some time that a real need in the Children's Playground is for a paddling pool which can be used by the small toddlers of the town, and now it seems that 'concrete' steps are being taken to meet the need. Much midnight oil has been burned and much paper thrown into the appropriate receptacle, but at last, with the co-operation of the local Council, the scheme moves ahead. Consequently casual visitors to Chard are liable to be shown a shovel and invited to lend a hand!

The Branch's other new venture is the getting together of a group of youngsters who are interested in boats and sailing. A workshop has been procured and the group is at work on the first boat, given to them by an interested donor. It is hoped that by the time this appears in print the first boat will be seaworthy and that instruction in the art of sailing will be in full swing.

BEDS. & HERTS. **from Ray Fabes**

Our contribution this month takes the form of 'Twenty-four hours in the Life of. . . .' At 7.30 p.m. on Friday, April 21, after much thought and preparation plus a liberal amount of door-knocking by members of NORTH BUCKS District, the Town Hall at Buckingham was beginning to fill up. In all, fifty-six people saw the Toc H film, *A Lamp Burns*. After the film many men stayed behind for a further natter about Toc H and several keen ones have arranged to meet again in a week's time to make the first get-together of a group there. The film was introduced by Colin Campbell from Oxford, from whom had come the first idea of making a start in Buckingham.

Saturday morning at 11 a.m. saw coffee being served at a big house in Luton and the question of what part General Members can play in Toc H today was being discussed by a distinguished member and the Area Secretary. This is a particular problem we are hoping to tackle very seriously in the year ahead, and with a lively three-member committee being appointed to look into all the possibilities, we hope to be able to report further on what means we shall be using to utilise our large General Membership.

At the start of the afternoon, 3 p.m. precisely, after paying all due homage to Dr. David Gullick for his wise counsel and leadership of the Area over the last five years, we acclaimed as his successor, Chairman or Leader? of the Area, Wing Commander Freddie Petch.

On this same afternoon, and under the very same roof, the Herts. & Beds. Toc H Women's Association Area Council were meeting, and after having tea with them we got down to discussing ways and means of establishing a closer co-operation between us. Exchange of articles in our Area Newsletters, exchange of Area Directories and dates of joint events to be specially publicised were some of the points suggested at this level and it is hoped that this historic consultation will be followed up in Districts and Branches throughout the Counties. At least we discovered that the Area Council of the W.A. weren't such fearsome creatures as we had been led to believe! We wended our way home soon after 7 p.m.—almost the end of a very full twenty-four hours.

EAST YORKSHIRE **from Bill Hardy**

SELBY Branch have three members on the management committee of a Youth Club which is being formed, and which it is intended shall be opened in October. The Branch is also well represented on the town's 'Save the Children' Fund. By arrangement with the manager of Selby's leading hotel, they had the use of a room in the hotel one evening a short time ago, and organised a 'Wine and Cheese' Evening. 200 tickets at 5s. per head were sold for this event, and the sum of £50 was raised.

POLLINGTON Branch are also working hard to promote a Youth Club in the area, with the object of opening out in the Autumn.

Some four or five years ago there appeared an article in the Toc H JOURNAL under the title 'Mountain to Mohamet'. This described the good turn performed by Goole Branch in preparing a tape-recording of a wedding service in Goole, so that it could be played back later in the day in a hospital ward for the benefit of the bride's father, who was a patient at the time. The happy sequel to this story, is that the bride's father, Cyril Jarred, has recently become a member of Goole Branch.

HULL District members recently established a useful contact with a group of Social Science students at Hull University. The needs of the elderly and the opportunities for social welfare work among the old were stressed in a Mock Trial—'The Old People of Hull *v.* The People of Hull"—which was staged by the Branches in Hull at District level. Later the group of students invited Toc H members to a Coffee Evening at the University, and it is hoped that these meetings will lead to some joint project in Hull, probably concerning the Welfare of the old and infirm.

NORTHERN **from Charles V. Young**

Members of Sunderland, Seaham and District Group of the Invalid Tricycle Association were the guests of MURTON Branch in the Co-operative Hall, Murton. They were entertained to supper and a games tournament, in which the guests were the victors.

Working together in a practical way was demonstrated recently by HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING Branches of men and women, in a successful Daffodil Fair. A feature of the Fair was a Fashion Display organised by Mrs. Haley together with a variety of stalls, and a cookery demonstration. Mrs. J. J. Gibson, the Opener, spoke and paid tribute to the work of Toc H. Proceeds from the Fair are to be devoted to help towards the cure of a three-year-old leper boy adopted by the W.A. Branch.

Practical contact and relationship on the social level was achieved by members of MORPETH and ASHINGTON Branches with the 'younger end' at Morpeth. Together with members of a local Youth Club they both helped with and organised a very successful Youth Club Dance. It was voted a successful evening.

NEWBIGGIN-BY-SEA have opened their spacious Branch Room on Sundays to the local Youth. Members of the Branch are present to help, talk and mix with them.

About 150 members and friends attended a recent District Rally at MIDDLESBROUGH arranged by Teeside District. Twenty-one Branches were represented from as far afield as Newcastle, Durham, North Shields. A Service of Rededication was held in the Park Wesleyan Church, Middlesbrough conducted by Rev. S. A. J. Ramsey and the address was given by the Teeside District Padre, Rev. R. A. Calvert. Following the Service and Tea the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Alderman W. Flynn, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, gave a welcome to all present and spoke of the relevance of the Toc H Movement today.

A Rushlight was presented by John Callf, our Administrator, to Maurice Wright who received it on behalf of the new Toc H group at BILLINGHAM-ON-TEES.

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'FOCUS ON TOC H'

Is there an amateur photographer in the Branch who has not yet entered the JOURNAL Photographic Competition? We particularly want to see pictures, either black-and-white or colour transparencies showing aspects of Toc H, given imaginative treatment. The rules, framed to make it easy for anyone with any sort of camera to compete, are printed, together with Entry Form on the next page of this number.

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